Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The road from Kodakara up to Vallikolangara thodu has been completed.

(b) No.

(c) Please see answer above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the total length of the Kodakara-Vallikolangara road?

Mr. M. D. Naryana Ayyar.—Over 5 miles.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—What length of the road is already constructed?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The major portion is completed—about 3 miles.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any bridge in that new road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there a cart track leading to Vallikolangara from that road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If a bridge is put up there, can carts go as far as Vellikolangara?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any amount allotted in the budget for 1107 for constructing the bridge?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is this a much frequented road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is a fairly important road.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—(a). Is this a thodu or a tract?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— The Vallikolangara thodu is correct.

The Pothundy Irrigation Scheme.

217. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have entirely given up the Pothundy Irrigation Scheme;

(2) whether the "Diversion Scheme" now proposed will irrigate the whole agricultural area;

(3) whether they have considered the Arumakayam scheme which is reported to be less costly and will irrigate the whole firkah;

(4) what was the amount spent for the investigation of the "Diversion Scheme?"

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar (1) No.

(2) No.

(3) Yes; it will not irrigate the whole firkah but only a

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part of it. The yield will also be much less. So after preliminary investigation it was considered inadequate.

(4) Rs. 1,014 including the pay of the surveyors and lascars.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Who investigated the Arumakayam scheme?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The Special Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

Removing iron rails—Trichur Police Station—enquiry into.

218. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how the enquiry referred to in the answer to question No. 23 of the Vrischigam Session of 1108 has terminated and will the details called for in the question be placed on the table of the House?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The enquiry has been completed; final orders will be passed soon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the details called for in the question be placed on the table? May I know why the details are not placed on the table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Sir, at the time the question was answered the matter was pending investigation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this matter brought to the notice of the Commissioner?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know how it was disposed of?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Inspector responsible for the loss of these rails was dismissed from the service on account of various other charges also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any statement taken from the contractor?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the statement?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The purport of the statement is that it was with the consent of the Inspector that he took the rails—with the connivance of the Police Inspector.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any statement made against the Superintendent?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He also stated that he had no permission of the D. S. P. and at the time of the enquiry the D. S. P. was not cited as a witness.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Was it a case of theft?

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